

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board minutes
Thursday, April 4, 2019
Messiah Lutheran Church
3280 River Road

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. There were 21 in attendance, including 9 Board members. Introductions ensued.

Presentation: 4j Local Option Levy. Mary Walston and Jim Torrey explained that this is a renewal of a continuing Local Option levy that provides support for 4J schools. They passed out information sheets. A wide-ranging discussion about challenges schools face followed.

Planning for the Awbrey Park Wildflower Walk and Community Celebration: This is a joint venture of Friends of Awbrey Park and the Santa Clara Community Organization. Gary Haliski summarized the local organizations that have indicated they would like to have a table at this event May 4. Brandi Ferguson and Jesika Heikkinen also described the events that are anticipated.

Ann Vaughn moved, Tim Foelker seconded the minutes for the March 7 meeting be approved as submitted. Motion passed. Jerry Finigan reported that the SCCO bank account has a total of \$1440.12. This includes \$1071.91 in the Santa Clara Garden account and \$368.21 in the SCCO general fund.

Announcements:

- Gary Haliski reminded people, if they haven't already done so, to take the online survey for LTD regarding choices in bus service.
- Kate reminded people of the upcoming Neighborhood Plan workshops at North Eugene April 7 and April 10.
- Brandi Ferguson reminded about the last full Friends of Awbrey Park work party Saturday, April 6.
- Kate reported an April 16 meeting to give input on a new design for North Eugene H.S. (5:30-8:30 p.m.)

Reports:

- Santa Clara Community Garden: Peter Thurston reported that there are still a couple of plots that have not yet been rented, albeit in a shady corner of the garden. New ground is being opened up on the Church side of the garden. Composting workshops continue. Patrick asked if a well is present on the Church property so it might be listed on a disaster preparedness map – Peter said he really is not aware of one.
- Neighborhood Leaders Council. Jerry reported that the meetings have been mostly dominated by concerns and discussion about State measures that preempt local land use decisions. The last meeting also dealt with a conversation about how to make garbage collection more efficient and lessen impact on neighborhoods. Also there was a discussion about concerns on health by installation of 5G transmitters.

- Land Use: Kate reported four current land use applications:
 - Wildrose estates abutting Awbrey Park (There was a discussion about the developers request for an exemption to requiring an access path to the park. Jerry has already filed a response letter on behalf of Friends of Awbrey Park asking that this exemption be denied. Kate will research the policies to draft a letter that might be also filed by SCCO)
 - Request for eight plus acres off Dibblee Lane for annexation by Rod Kempf.
 - An April 24 developer/community meeting for development on Wilkes.
 - Proposed development on part of open property on Swain Lane.
- Luper Cemetery: Peter Thurston reported that the Cemetery will be open to the public from 9 to 4 on Memorial Day weekend.

Old business:

There was a discussion about signage to implement SCCOs policy of honoring diversity and discouraging hate in Santa Clara. Tim suggested the signage also label the community as a welcoming community. Consensus was that this probably should be considered as a separate labeling project. It was decided that the Board bring back sign ideas for a more substantive discussion at the May meeting.

New business:

Jerry presented a letter drafted by the Neighborhood Leaders Council to the Oregon House Committee on Human Services and Housing concerning House Bill 2001 dealing with Accessory Dwelling Units in R-1 zoning in larger cities. The NLC is asking for a support from the neighborhoods they represent. After conversation, Kate moved that SCCO endorse the NLC letter, Patrick Kerr seconded. Motion passed.

Other matters:

- Jerry collected logs of volunteer hours for February and issued new ones for April.
- Jean Schulz, representing Peace Presbyterian Church described the many programs the Church offers and indicated that the Church is in declining membership and would like the community know what the Church has to offer.

meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

submitted,

Jerry Finigan, secretary